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REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are currently pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 28-40 are withdrawn from consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, claims 1-6, 9-15, 17-21 and 24-27 are rejected, and claims 7, 8, 16, and 22-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to claim 7, and claim 8 has been amended to correct its dependency. Claims 6-7, 12-15, and 28-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the amendments, it is believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' attorney of record, Hallie A. Finucane, at (612) 334-3222.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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